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Part B for March 27

SUBJECT

Report on the audit of the accounts of the Office of the Director of Geology for the period from June 23 to Feb 25

D 5355-b 9/12.1.27

To

Dir of Geology

Comptroller & Govt

Record Rec

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

NOTES.

File No. 75-21

FILE HEADING.

Report on the audit of accounts of the office of the Dir. of Ecol. for the period from June 1923 to July 1926

From

The Comptr

No. LAD. 209 Dated 3-11-26 Received 16-11-26

Diary No. 2840	Enclos. 1	Spare Copies.	Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

forwards, an extract of important points noticed in the report on the audit of accts of the Ecol. office for the period from June 1923 to July. 26

NOTES AND ORDERS.

1) Subd. with the statement noting the points against each.

MG 30/11/26

2) Points for orders are noted on the Statement below.

MG 2/12

Sec'y D)

3) Submitted for Perusal.

There does not seem to be any systematic check on the Statements of accounts furnished by licensees.

MG 1/12

4) Please See Note

MG 6/12/26

5) Accdt. Ofr. 7.12.26 2nd member)

OFFICE OF THE HON'BLE THE MEMBER OF COUNCIL
6 DEC. 1926
No. 3829

NOTES—First Sheet.

WD 1681—GPB—30,000—1-8-21

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6) draft Lrd
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13.12.26

7) draft revised as instructed & issued.
2nd 20/12/26

8) Fair type dft.
WP
21/12

9) Typed draft Lrd
20 29.12.26
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10) Dft for appl
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11) 2nd member)
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12) Issue
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5.1.27

2) To,
Dir. of Geology & Comptr.
No. 5355-6 dy. 12/1/27.

Records the audit report with general observations & requests the Dir. Geol. to report on certain points connected with the working of the leases held by the United Steels Ltd. after exp. of the lease & also calls for report in the matter of the 'output' Registers & requests Comptr to state whether proposed D.C.B. form is suitable.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
4 JAN. 1927
No. 45-21

GOVT. & REV. SECRETARIAT
12 JAN. 1927
DEVELOPMENT BRANCH.

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From the Dir. of Geol.
No. 1103-5 & 10-2-27
Requests reconsideration of orders in the matter of allowing Mr. Williams to take back the steel cash found in the Cash chest

Secys note

13) "Refer
(sd) No R
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14) Subd. for orders. Kind attn is invited to orders passed on the Audit Report of the Geol. Office. (Para 1. Part I).
No 16/2/27

15) Subd for order with refn.
Second Mtg WD 19/2

16) Please say that there are no reasons to reconsider. The whole procedure was irregular and there is no proof to show that the amt is not shown in Govt accounts for receipt.

Mrs 21.2.27
WD 21/2

17) Draft put up.
No 22/2/27

18) Issue
WD 23/2

OFFICE OF THE SECOND MEMBER COUNCIL,
19 FEB. 1927
No. 5667

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General and Revenue Secretariat

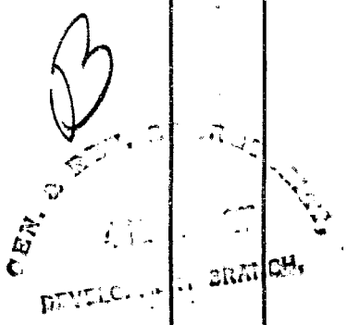
Govt. File No. 75 of 1926

Serial No. 4.

To, Director of Geology

No. 7170 D. 28/2/27

States that Govt. see no reason to reconsider their orders, in the matter of shear bored



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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Ecd-75-26-1

No. LAD. 209. & one file

Comptroller's Office, Bangalore,

Dated the 3rd November *1926.*

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT. 2847 15 NOV. 1926 DEVELOPMENT BRANCH.

The Secretary, to the Government of Mysore,
Development Departments,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith for information and orders of Government, an extract of the more important points noticed in the report on the audit of accounts of office, i.e., the Director of Geology and Mines, for the period from June 1923 to February 1926.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

J. Ramanna

Comptroller.

SAM.

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Proceedings of the Government of H.H.
the Maharaja of Mysore.

R e a d -

Letter No.L.A.D. 209 dated 3rd November 1926 from the Comptroller to the Government forwarding with his remarks the report on the audit of accounts of the Geol. Department for the period from June 1923 to February 1926.

O r d e r No. D 5355-56-S/12/1

Dated, Bangalore,

R e c o r d e d.

2. Para (1) of Part I.

The Director of Geology reports that permission has been given to Mr. B. Williams, to take back the sum of Rs.19-11-0 found in excess in the cash chest at the time of audit. Govt. do not approve of the action of the Director in this matter. As the ~~ex~~ cash was found in the office cash chest, ~~Govt. are of opinion that~~ it should be credited to Government as a mis: Deptl: receipt

3. Para 2 (b)

The Director of Geology explains that the Sub Dafedar, ~~who was his orderly~~ of the office, he took with him, ~~was taken~~ to Hyderabad ~~with him~~ when he we there on leave ~~owing to illness~~, ~~meeting~~ and that he met from his pocket the expenses of the man.

that the pay claimed ~~and disbursed to~~ his son was ~~regular.~~

~~Govt. consider that~~ The charge ~~in~~ on acct of the Sub Daffedars Salary ~~this case~~ was unauthorised, ~~that~~ and the arrangement made was highly irregular, and ~~that~~ such irregularities should not recur. ~~They are however pleased to~~ direct, under the circumstances, ~~that~~ the absence of the Sub Daffedar in question may be treated as on leave, and the amounts already paid, treated as leave allowances.

Para (3). In the matter of the recovery of amounts due from the parties in the shape of fees, the Director explains the circumstances in which the amounts referred to were received by him contrary to rules and subsequently credited to the Treasury.

~~Govt accept~~ The explanation ~~of the Director of Geology in the matter.~~ is accepted

Para 3 (A)

It was observed in the course of audit, that the ~~x~~ Treasury challans produced by the parties in support of credits were not being properly scrutinised. Govt. desire to point out that this is an irregularity which has been noticed in audit more than once. The Director is requested to exercise more effective scrutiny in future.

Para 4. It is brought to the notice of Govt. that the registers did not bear any evidence of check since

December 1922, except in regard to items of refund of amounts. The Director of Geology states that the registers are being maintained correctly and that the Office Assistant has been instructed to exercised complete check. In this connection Govt. wish to observe that this does not obviate the need for check by superior officers and that the registers should be checked by the Director also occasionally.

Para 6. The Comptroller requests orders of Govt. whether the fee of only Rs.5/- received from Messrs. Iqbal Vasant & Co., for renewal of their approval certificate, may be accepted in audit, in view of the fact that there was delay. In the circumstances explained by the Director of Geology, Government direct that the fee of Rs.5/- may be admitted in audit. Such relaxations should not, however, be allowed in future.

Para 7 (a)

It is noticed that the department is allowing several licensees to work the blocks even after the expiry of the period of their licenses. Govt. consider that there is much laxity on the part of the Director of Geology in enforcing the rules The Director is again requested to confor to rules 31 and 32, of the mineral License Rules and dispose of such applications accordingly

In the matter of permission granted to the United Steel Co., Ltd., to work the blocks after the close of the period of their ~~business~~ licenses, the Director is requested to submit a report on the following points --

(1) Whether the rent for the period referred to was collected from the party and if so how much, and

(2) Whether the rent etc., paid by them could be adjusted towards the rents ~~foregone by Government~~ without the consent of the party, as such amounts are refundable according to rules in cases of refusal of licenses.

As regards the procedure to be adopted in appropriating the amounts towards the renewal rents, there do not appear to be any rules to enable such a course being adopted. A separate report on the point may be submitted for the orders of Government.

In the matter of submission of renewal applications for the orders of Government, the Director is requested to submit all such applications ~~early enough~~ in time to enable Govt. to pass orders before the date of the expiry of the original license.

7 (b) Removal of 150 tons of asbestos in Septr. 1924.

The Comptroller states that no explanation was furnished as to how the removal of 150 tons in the quarter ending September 1924 as ~~entrusted~~ entered in the Register is made out to be wrong. The Director is requested to

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to explain the fact ~~already~~ clearly to the Comptroller.

Para (8)

As regards the entries made in the "Output" Register from the statements furnished by the licensees the Director explains that there is a mistake. In this connection Govt. observe that as the revenue of Government depends on the correctness of such statements it is necessary that there should be an effective scrutiny of such statements by the Department. The Director is ~~accordingly~~ requested to state on what authority the statement of output is considered a mistake and to submit a detailed report ~~on the point~~ in the matter for the orders of Govt.

Para(9)

The Comptroller states that orders passed by Govt. as regards the correct maintenance of D.C.B. Registers should have been communicated to him. His attention is invited to para 2 (i) of G.O. No.I.C. 7115-16/Geol. 71-25-3 dated 14th April 1926 on the subject.

In the matter of the submission to Govt. (through the Comptroller) of quarterly returns of D.C.B., the Director should have pointed out to the Comptroller the orders passed in the matter.

Para 9 (d)

In the matter of entries to be made by the Geological Department in the proposed new form of D.C.B. statement, the Comptroller is requested to state whether the new form is suitable, ~~or not~~.

Para 10

As regards the verification of the departmental figures in the Geological Office registers, with those furnished by the Comptroller, the Director of Geology explains that attempts are being made regularly ~~at~~ for the verification of the receipts of the Department, every month as ~~made out from~~ with the duplicate challans received with the Comptroller's statement of Mining Revenue and the Comptroller, in reply, states that he will examine, at the next audit, whether the Verification is being attended to properly.

The ~~suggestion of the~~ Comptroller's report will be ~~is noted~~. awaited

WO 3/1/29

Development ~~Secretary~~.

To

The Director of Geology.

The Comptroller to Govt.

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M.G.D.12.]

No. 1163-S

DATED, BANGALORE, 10-2-27

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT, 11 FEB. 1927, DEVELOPMENT BRANCH. 4975

FROM

B. JAYARAM, ESQ., F.G.S.,
Director, Mysore Geological Department.

To

N. Rama Rao, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Development Departments.

SIR,

With due deference to the orders contained in para 2 of G.O.No.D.5355-6/Geol.75-26-2, dated the 12th ultimo, directing that the excess cash of Rs.19-11-10 referred to therein should be credited to Government as a miscellaneous Departmental receipt as it was found in the office cash chest in excess and that the permission given to the Accountant to take away the same was wrong, I have the honour to submit for the information of Government the circumstances under which the amount was permit ted to be taken away by the Accountant.

2) The Inspector of Office Systems carried out his inspection of this office on 2nd September 1925. There was then found a shortage of cash in the chest, as a result of advances taken by some of the officers and menials and also due to incorrect postings in the cash book as was known subsequently. After the advances were all recovered and the cash balance recouped, there was still a shortage of Rs.19/- & odd. This was made good by the Accountant Mr. William, as at the time he was unaware of the exact situation of the accounts. This fact was deposed to by Mr. William before the Inspector of Office Systems in his statement. A mention of this has also been made by Mr.William, in his petition to Government, dated 21st November 1925, forwarded with my letter No.C.475-7, dated 26th November 1925.

3) Subsequently, the accounts of the office were gone through in regular audit by the Local Audit Branch of the Comptroller's office in March & April 1926. After correct postings and entries were made in the books it was found that the actual cash balance

was in excess of the correct book balance by Rs.19-11-10. This fact is clear from the marginally noted extracts from the Auditor's Note.

4/ It is submitted therefore that the excess of cash found in the box was due to the same being made good by the Accountant about six months prior to the local audit when he, the Accountant, had not understood the exact situation relating to the accounts. The audit having made clear that the claimant to the excess amount found in the cash chest being the Accountant himself, it was ordered by me that it might be taken away by him.

5/ With the facts now made clear, I request that the Government may be pleased to kindly accord their approval to the action already taken by me in regard to the excess cash.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

B. Jaigadam

Director,
Mysore Geological Department.

R/9.

"The cash book entries for the period from July 1925 to August 1925 contained the following errors and omissions which contributed to show in the cash book on the date of inspection, a balance, Rs.19-11-10 in excess of the correct figure."

"Thus when the cash was examined at the beginning of the audit, i.e., on 6th March 1926 and details worked out for the same, it was found that the actual cash on hand was Rs.19-11-10 in excess of the correct book balance as shown below :-"

APP. F. VI. Gl.]

SUBJECT.....

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Section Genl.

File No. 75-26

Serial No.

No. D. 7170 & 26/1/27

Diary No. of letter replied to..... 4975

To

The Dir. of Genl

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Sir,

Date of issue..... predecessor's 28.2.27

I with reference to Genl letter No. 1103-6-2 dt 10.2.27 requesting the approval of Govt. to his ~~to Govt~~ having acted in permitting Mr. Williams to take away the excess Cash of Rs. 19-11-0 found in the Cash chest I am directed to state that Govt. see no reason to reconsider their orders already passed in the matter.

Signed by.....

List of enclosures.....

Nil.

Copied by.....

Examined by.....

On this Mr. Williams I am further ~~directed~~ to observe

over

that the whole procedure
was irregular & that there is
no hurry to show that the
amount is not some unaccounted -
for Govt. receipt

Thanks

WW 25/v

Yours Roy

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